with promise and business men in all departments of trade are giving expression to the most hope ut predictions as to the course of the spring trade. There has probably never been a time when Omaha jobbers felt any more secure of their position or when the prospect seemed more inviting.

In the retail department there has been a fair business doing, as the weather has been inviting to shoppers, but the trading to a considerable extent has been in a small way, or at least that has been in a small way, or at least that has been in a small way, or at least that has been in examility of a very fair character considering the season and the further fact that the cold weather in December in fueed a large proportion of consumers to provide themselves completely with winter goods of all kinds.

The bank clearings of the past week showed a large increase over the previous year, but what was still better they were very large, for the first week in January, showing that a large volume of business is doing for the time of year. In the country at large, however, the money and banking situation is not entirely to the liking or those most interested. There is entirely too much money to put he holders in a comfortable frame of mind and there is a tendency among banks to reduce rates of interest on deposits and scare away idle money. The savings banks in the east, while not cutting down the rate of interest in many instances, are reducing the interest are waiting for an increased demand for beef from the east and until that comes there can hardly be any great improvement in the volume of business. The work on the Armour packing house is progressing favorably and the prospect for the sories.

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In the whole line of the grocery trad-there is nothing at the present time that is attracting so much attention as connec-ted with interest and still there does not appear to be much doubt in the minds of the trad-ins to the future of canned goods, as at predictions look toward higher prices. predictions look toward higher prices.

Eastern canned goods, both fruits and vegetables, are in a very strong position, which includes very nearly the entire line. Small fruit packing, owing to the unusually low prices ruling at the height of the packing season, was very much curtailed while the consumptive demand, being muca greater this year than last, prices have there has been a big shortage in the pack, will come onto the market with the boards bare. As an example of the extent of the advance that has taken place during the last few months two-pound canned strawberries opened in Baitimore at 90 cents per dozen, and are now quoted at 90cm\$1.00, and two-pound blackberries opened at 37½ cents and are now morth 55 cents.

Canned tomatoes appear to be attracting more attention than anything else in the loss and the market is really nicker.

Nebraska only three out of a total of

In Nebraska only three out of a total of twelve canning factories were operated last season, showing how unprofitable the business has been.

During the week the representative of a western canning factory has received a letter from a prominent canned goods broker in a large eastern city asking what he had to offer in the way of tomatoes and at the fame time adding: "Our eastern jobbers must look to the west for suppplies on account of eastern packing being so nearly exhausted. It may seem strange to ship account of eastern packing being so nearly exhausted. It may seem strange to ship tomatoes east, but at this time it is ap-parent to the writer that here is no alternative." This would seem to be another indication that such western factories as were fortunate enough to operate last sea-son are likely to reap a good harvest.

PROSPERITY FOR NINETY-EIGHT Minety-Seven's Experience Presinger

the Coming Senson.
W. H. Roberson, manager of R. G. Dun & Co.'s Mercantile agency for the district of Nebraska, says; "The year 1897 closed with business condi-

tions vastly improved. The month of De tember recorded two important business fallures in Omaha-a fact significant as wel as phenomenal—for the moral hazard of trade during the holiday menth is notor-lously great and in every year of my resi-dence in Omaha the last week of the year has noted unusually heavy lorses by busi-ness falures. Not only so, but the figures given below show the failures for the year 1897 were less in number by 100 and less in

Net liabilities \$ 441,639

and prosperity.
Commercial club has been very

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

active through the year and has done a vast amount of good work for this city. If that done nothing more than bring the people of Omaha face to face with the management of the Pittsburg & Guif railroad at the dinner last evening it would deserve the commendation of the community. Every seat was filled at the banquet board and the entire occasion was a complete success. The new road and its constituency understand each other better now than ever and our people will thoroghly appreciate the imperiance of the new connection. I was pressed with the hearty reception which was accorded the Stillwell party and likewise gratified at the interest manifested by the visitors.

General Business Situation All that

Could be Expected at Present—

Holders of Canned Goods

Are Fortunate.

The course of business during the past week has shown the restrictive influences usual at this season in full force. There has been a limited attendance of buyers from the country and the demand coming forward has been small to what it was a few weeks ago, but buyers are not expected to operate with any degree of freedom immediately before, or immediately after the holdays, so that the situation has been normal. Stock-taking operations and other matters pertaining to the winding up of the year's business have occupied the attention of jobbers and retailers alike, so that the prevailing quietude has not in any way been a disappointment,

While the immediate present has been unevenitud, the future, however, seems bright with promise and business men in all departments of trade are giving expression to the mest hoje ul predictions as to the course of the spring trade. There has probably prevent has no time at the foods.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS,

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Condition of Trade and Quotations

on Staple and Fancy Produce. EGGS-Strictly fresh, 19620c, BUTTER-Common to fair, 10611c; choice to ancy, 14915c; separator creamery, 21c; gathered reamery, 189719c. VEAL-Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at Sc. arge and coarse. 495c, DRESSED POULTRY-Chickens. 595c; turkeys. Gibe; geese, Sc; ducks, Sc, GAME—Small rabbuts, per doz., 500; large, per GAME-Small rabbuts, per uoz.,
dog., 75c@\$1.70; squirrels, 50g@00.
P.GEONS-Live, 75c; dend digeons not wanted.
HAY-Upland, \$6.00; midland, \$5.50; lowland,
\$5.00; rye straw, \$4; color makes the price on
hay; light baies sell the best; only top grades
bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

QUINCES-California, per box, \$1,25. CELERY-Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@ ONIONS-Per bu., 65c, HEANS-Hand picked navy, per bu., \$1,25@1.30. SWEET FOTATOES-Per bol., \$2,50. CABBAGE-Good stock, per ib., Itse, POTATOES-Home grown, 50@55c; western

stock, 700. FRUITS.

APPLES-Winter stock, \$3,00; California Bellefleur, boxes, \$1,50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, \$1,70; Oregon boxes, \$1,25; CRANBERBIES-Jerseys, per bbl., \$7,25@7,50; Wisconsin Bell and Rugie, \$7,50@7,75; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, \$6,50; GRANFES-Calawbas, 5-lb, baskets, 16g15c; Malagas, \$5,00@6,00;

ogas, 45,0005,00;
TROPICAL FRUITS.
ORANGES—Mexican, per box, 43,0063,25; Callfornia naveis, 52,2543,50;
LEMONS—Messinas, 43,0064,00; California, 360, 42,7542,756; 300, 43,50.
BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, 42,00 82,25; medium sized bunches, 41,7542,00.
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NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 126/13c; small, lle; Brazile, per lb., farge size, 126/13c; small, lle; Brazile, per lb., 92/10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 126/11c; standards, 82/2c; fiberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medum, 52/7c; extra large, 14/2c; large / skorynuts, \$1.006/1.10 per bu.; small, \$1.25/1.25 per bu.; coconnuts, per 100, \$4.00; peanute, raw, 25/1/2c; ronsted, 626/4c. coconnuts, pc: 160, \$4.0c; pecnuts, raw, 59545c; consted, 6954c; fonested, 6954c; FIGS-Imported fency, 3 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 2c; 5 crown, 44-lb. boxes, 142:5c; 2-lb. boxes, 22 grape box -allfornia, 16-lb. box, \$1.00, HONEY-Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10 grape for the colorado amber, 10 gr Tic. KRAUT-Per bbl., \$4.00; half bbl., \$2.25@2.35, MAPLE SYRUP-Five-gnl, cans. each, \$2.75

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Provisions the Only Option Showing an Increase in Price.

DECLINE IS MARKED IN WHEAT AND CORN

Weather Bureau's Prediction for Rain and a Cold Wave Falls of Materialize, Which Weakens the Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, Jan, 8,-Wheat averaged easier today over a moderate range, Trading, though not especially heavy, was of a nervous character and caused many quick changes, May closed at 1/2c decline, Firm cash markets and a good export demand. saved the market from a more severe break, Corn lost 'sc, Oats closed unchanged, and provisions 24@74c higher, The action of wheat during most of the early morning was in line with the early news. The rain and cold wave predicted by the weather bureau failed to materialize, which rather weakened those who yesterday had become inoculated with the virus of fear for next season's crop. Liverpool showed %d advance, which was hardly up to expectations, and early Argentine news was quite bearish as regards the shipping surplus of that country, a Rosario cable estimating it at 46,000,000 bu, According to estimating it at 46,00,000 bu. According to Bradstreet's report of the week's exports of wheat and flour from both coasts of the United States and Canada they were 3,481,-568 bu., against 5,945,000 bu. the previous week. The net result of these several pieces of information was the creation of a week. The net result of these several pieces of information was the crention of a somewhat nervous feeling at the opening of business. May wheat started at from 91½c to 91½c, against 91½c at the close yesterday, and in about half an hour it had got down to 91½d91½c. The Duluth market came again to the support of the bulls by advancing cash wheat there from 91c to 92½c in a few minutes. It was thought here that the advance could have been and probably was manipulated from Chicago, It had a builtsh effect, notwithstanding, Paris and Antwerp each quoted a moderate advance for the day, and that was an additional builtish factor that helped the market to recover from 91½691¼c to 91½c. The receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were 357 cars, against 174 cars the similar day of last year. Chicago receipts were 48 cars, 11 of them contract. There were transferred from unilcensed to licensed houses 22,000 bu, of No. 1 northern spring, nine cars of No. 2 spring and one car of no grade. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour exclusive of Newport News were equal to 650,600 bu, against 226,000 bu, the year before. Other advices from Argentine put the available export surplus at 1,000,000 tons, or about 37,000,000 bu, intimating at the same time that holders were anxious sellers to Europe at lower than American prices. Beerbohm estimated the anxious sellers to Europe at lower than American prices. Beerbohm estimated the week's clearances from all ports to Europe this week at 6,400,600 bu. Baltimore reported a large quantity of wheat sold for export after close of 'change yesterday and foreign bids today at 1c over yesterday's bid prices. The latter information, together with the higher quotations from the continent and heavy Atlantic exports, caused a further brief raily to 21%c. but it anxious sellers to Europe at lower than the continent and heavy Atlantic exports, caused a further brief rally to 31%c, but it quickly slid off again to 91%c, and was at that point ten minutes from the close. In that ten minutes, however, the market turned strong again and at the close May was offered at 91%c.

Business in the corn pit as dull and prices moved reluctantly and within a small

Business in the corn pit as dull and prices moved reluctantly and within a small range. The close showed a decline of \$4c. The feature was the absence of country selling, the country on the contrary doing a little buying. There was a little selling pressure toward the end, sufficient to cause the slight decline which marked the close, May ranged from 294cq to 294c, and closed at 294.0794c May ranged from 29% to 29% c, and closed at 29% 29% c.

Oats was dull and without especial feature. Market was easy at the opening, due to sympathy with wheat. The slight decline was recovered later under fairly good general buying, the close showing no change change from yesterday. Cash market was firm at a slight advance. May ranged from 23% 22% c 23% c closing at 23% c.

t 23%c. Provisions were strong at the start and Provisions were strong at the start and at no time during the session did the market show any signs of weakness. A small run of hogs started prices higher. Commission houses bought liberally, apparently for the same interest, ribs being in especial demand. At the close May pork was 7½c higher at \$9.42½; May lard, 2½c higher at \$9.42½; May lard, 2½c higher at \$4.75.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 550 cars; oats, 330 cars; hogs, 40.000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows.

Articles.	Open.	High,	Low.	Close.	Yest y
May July	91% 91% 92%	9354 9156 8256	9136 9136634 8134	923(9136 8136	92 913 823
May July	20% 20% 20% 30%	20% 20% 30%	2914	2934 6854 3036	26%@% 20%@% 80%@%
May July Pork-	23M@M 22M	2334-24 2234	23% 9 M 22%	239(@34 2294	215 235
Jan May	9 25 9 35	9 27% 9 47%	9 25	9 2716	9 25 9 35
Jan May	4 775 4 875	4 80 4 92%	4 7712	4 80 4 90	4 778
Jan May	4 60 4 72%	4 60	4 60 4 72%	4 60 4 75	4 55

*No. 2.

Casa quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet: winter patents, \$4.70\(\text{id}\).4.89;

straights, \$4.20\(\text{id}\).4.40\(\text{id}\).4.75;

spring patents, \$4.40\(\text{id}\).4.7; straights, \$4.40\(\text{id}\).4.35;

spring patents, \$4.40\(\text{id}\).7; straights, \$4.40\(\text{id}\).4.35;

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, \$7\(\text{id}\).6.2; No. 3 spring,

\$2\(\text{id}\).8 spring, \$7\(\text{id}\).8 spring,

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quiet, at \$13.75 asked.

IUTTER-Receipts 2,355 pkgs.; market steady;
Riains, 2c; westerns, 16672c; factory, 12611c.

CHEESE-Receipts 1,783 pkgs.; large white.
September \$1,283 pkgs.; large white.
September \$1,283 pkgs.; large white.
September \$1,283 pkgs.; large colored.
September \$2,485; lash skims, 56604c;
part skims, 14,6755c; full skims, 25,6344c.

KGGS-Receipts 2,837 pkgs.; market steady;
state and Fennsylvania, 21674c; western, 26,675c.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE. Jan. 8—Cables this canada Facilic. 80 merning were \$\frac{1}{2}c\$ higher in sympathy with the advance in our market yesterday. Which did not influence any clumpe in our opening prices. The receipts and supprents of wheat were light and practically a stand off. A short time after the opening the market grew weak and declined \$\frac{1}{2}c\$ and later recovered to and closed at \$1\frac{1}{2}c\$ for May, or \$\frac{1}{2}c\$ under yesterday's price, the same difference being registered in the July option. This action in the futures of wheat is entitlely a professional and local feature. The cash situation continues very strong, closing at \$\frac{1}{2}c\$ higher than yesterday, or at 1\frac{1}{2}c\$ do pfd. 481 closing at \$\frac{1}{2}c\$ higher than yesterday, or at 1\frac{1}{2}c\$ do pfd. 482 premium over the May option and 10\frac{1}{2}c\$ over July, which indicates the healthy condition of values for this crop and upholds the belief in its strength.

Although receipts of corn were more than three Weare Commission Company. strength.

Although receipts of corn were more than three times the shipments, the price only declined &c. which is comparatively nothing when compared with wheat and its receipts and shipments.

The price of oats did not change, holding steady upon an excess of 60,00 bu, in shipments over receipts.

The estimated receipts for Monday are 60 cars of wheat, 550 cars of corn and 330 cars of oats, which compare favorably with the last few days and no doubt will assist in the increasing of the price of cash grain.

BUTTER-Dull; creamery, 17522c; dairy, 96 EGGS-Firm at 18c.

EGGS-Firm at 18c.
WHISKY-81.19.
COTTON TIES-19c.
BAGGING-5%676%c.
PROVISIONS-Pork, bigher; standard mess, jobling, \$9.37%. Lard, better; prime steam, \$4.55; choice, \$4.55. Bacon, boxel lots, extra short clear, \$5.27%g5.62%, Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, \$4.7565.00; extra short clear, \$4.62%g4.87%; ribs, \$4.7565.00; extra short clear, \$4.7565.00; extra sho

Expected Taking of Quick Profits is

Realized. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—There was profit taking on quite a large scale in the stock market today after an additional advance in prices in the early trading. That there should be taking of quick profits after such a sharp rise as that of the last two days was to be expected, and the professional dealers who bought stocks late on Wednesday and Thursday soid their holdings of the most active and ströngest issues. The realizing was quite pronounced in its effect on New York Central and Sugar, which reacted more than a point from the high level of the morning. There was evidence of continued realizing also in the local traction companies. These stocks have advanced steadily all through the duliness and depression of the last few weeks, apparently on pool operations, and the present general strength of the market is being availed of to take profits in these. Some of the antractic group mise continued under depression in the day. Notwithstanding these reactionary tendencies the general tone of the speculation continued strong and confident. Business was on a large scale and embraced a large number of different issues, some professional dealers who bought stocks late or Arabaw Milkhare Fith Cambridge and the company of t

tio. 67% Lead, firm, brokers, [5]. II. Tin, plates quiet, at \$13.75 asked.

BUTTER—Receipts 2.355 pkgs, market steady; Bishs, 27c, westerns, 15675c; fastory, 1791bc.
CHRESE—Receipts 1.738 plags, harse white. September, \$1675c; large colored. September, \$16.95c; small write, September, \$16.95c; large colored. September, \$16.95c; large colored. September, \$16.95c; lash, \$16.95c; small colored. September, \$16.95c; lish, \$16.9 Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market to-day:

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.-MONEY ON CALL-teady at 3 per cent; last loan, 3 per cent, closed t 3 per cent. at 3 per cent. PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER-34-644 per ent. STERLING EXCHANGE-Steady, with actual

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.85\(\frac{1}{2}\) for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.85\(\frac{1}{2}\) for St. SELVER CERTIFICATES—57\(\frac{1}{2}\) for Sec.

BAR SILVER—57c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45\(\frac{1}{2}\) for silroad bends, strong; government bonds, firm; new 4s, registered and coupon, 125; 4s, registered, 114; 4s coupon, 137\(\frac{1}{2}\); 5s registered, 114\(\frac{1}{2}\); 5s coupon, 12\(\frac{1}{2}\); Facilic 6s of '99, 103\(\frac{1}{2}\).

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U.S. new4s ras. 199 N. U. 6.45

San Francisco Minuis Quotations. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The official closing motations on mining stocks today were as fol-ows:

Alta. 12 Justice. 29
Alipha Con. 7 Kentucky Con. 5
Andes. 12 Mexican 21
Beicher 30 Occidental Con. 130
Best & Belcher 46 Ophir. 55
Caledonia 18 Overman 11
Challenge Con. 23 Potosi. 31
Chollar. 27 Savaze. 16
Con. Cai. & Va. 115 Sierra Nevada 63
Con. Imperial 1 Omon Con. 33
Crown Point. 23 Unah Con. 8
Gould & Currie. 32 Unah Con. 8
Gould & Currie. 32
Hale & Norcoss. 130
Julia 1 Albha Con. 7
Andes. 12
Beicher 30
Best & Beicher 40
Caledona. 18
Challenge Con. 23
Chollar. 27
Con. Cal. & Va. 115
Con. Imperial. 1

New York Mining Quotations. NEW YORK, Jan. S.—The following are the sing mining quotations:

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

January

CLOVERSEED—Quiet; prime cash and June, \$10\forally.

Detroit Market.

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No. 2 red, 91\forally.

No. 2 red, 91\forally.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 29\forally.

CATS—No. 2 white, 25\forally.

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CINCINNATI, Jan. 8.—HGGS—Active at \$3.00

CINCINNATI, Jan. 8.—HGGS—Active at \$3.00

CATS—Steady at \$2.25\cappa 4.65.

SHEEP—Steady at \$4.00\cappa 5.85.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Expected Taking of Quick Profits is

STOCKS AND BONDS.

*asked. Silver bars, 571½c; Mexican dollars, 47@471½c; drafts, sight, 15c; drafts, telegraph, 171½c.

Choliar. 38 Ontario. 250
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Crown Point. 20 Onnir. 255
Cen. Cal. & Va. 119 Plymouth. 8
Deadwood. 100 Quicksliver. 100
Gould & Carry. 30 Onleksliver of a 900
Hale & Noroross. 130 Sterra Nevata. 60
Homestake. 3790 Standard. 150
Iron Silver. 35 Union Con. 30
Mexican. 20 Yellow Jacket 30

Week Ends with Few Cattle and Many Hogs on Eale. CATTLE TRADE CONTINUES QUIET

Light Receipts Taken at Steady Prices, with No Indication of Any Strength_Hogs Go Five Cents Higher.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 8 .- Receipts for the days indicated were: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep Horses, January 6. 1,235
January 5 1,629
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January 3 1,681
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December 31 523
December 30 992
December 29 995
December 28 1,570
December 27 1,516
December 27 1,516
December 24 812
December 23 751
December 24 812
December 25 1,049
December 21 1,119
December 20 871
Receipts for the week s 10,882 10,613 6,811 2,476 2,235 5,916 7,071 6,508 6,843 2,389 5,040 10,312 11,325 9,778 4,235

Week ending Jan. 1. 6,103 2,992 11,235
Week ending Dec. 25. 4,662 40,599 6,106
Week ending Dec. 18. 13,277 32,223 14,279
Week ending Dec. 18. 13,361 40,402 11,108
The official number of cars of stock brought in today by The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, H'r's

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep,

Lobman & Rothschilds
W. I. Stephens 9
Swift, from country Cudahy, from K. C. 10
C. P. & P. Co., Neb. City 10
Other buyers 94 2,311

feature,
In some respects the cattle market of the

In some respects the cattle market of the past week has been more favorable to the selling interests and there is a growing feeling among many that the worst of the depression so manifest just previous to and during the holidays is over with. At the same time the demand for the product is still rather limited and until the country calls more loudly for beef it will not take many cattle to keep the markets fully supplied. During the past week there have been some indications of a better demand and upon that fact are based the hopes for the future.

At this point the supply of cattle has been very light for some time pust, hardly enough very light for some time past, hardly enough eatile being here on some days to make a market, and supplies have by no means

market, and supplies have by no means been large at other market points. The moderate receipts have given values a stronger tendency.

The absence from the market of good cattle is quite a noticeable feature of the present situation. Some assert that there are very few good cattle in the country and claim that for some reason the cattle have not laid on fat as readily as usual. Be that as it may, it is a fact that no prime cattle are coming forward at this point and other markets are receiving very few. Shippers are still being cautioned to avoid rushing the cattle in too rapidly if they do not wish to demoralize the market, they do not wish to demoralize the market. A feature of the cattle trade is the firmness of the market for stockers in spite of the duliness of fat cattle. While the demand for stockers and feeders is not very large, it is strong, and during the past week well bred 350 to 560-pound steers sold as high as \$16004.75.

NATIVES. BEEF STEERS. cows. COWS.
4 . 1007 2 10
1 . 810 2 75
3 . 806 3 00
1 . 920 3 50
1 . 1239 3 20
1 . 1239 3 20
1 . 1240 2 65
1 . 1000 2 65
1 . 1000 3 15
1 . 1000 3 15
1 . 1000 3 15

HEIFERS. 3....963 3 69 1....460 3 10 4....422 3 50

162... 600 3 55 1... \$40 3 50 7... 537 4 25
3... 553 4 25 22... 470 4 40
HOGS—A good local demand backed by favorable advices from other market points gave sellers the advantage, in spite of the fact of its being a Saturday, and in spite of the liberal receipts so that the day's market was strong to 5c higher. The movement was active and everything in the yards was sold and weighed up in good zeason.

Heavy hogs sold at \$3.4043.45, as against \$3.35.40.40 yesterday. The most of the sales today were at \$3.40, while \$3.37½ was a popular price yesterday.

Light hogs sold as high as \$3.55, or 5c higher than the best price paid yesterday.

The hog market of the past week, so far as receipts and demand were concerned, was in very good shape. Buyers seemed to feel that the hogs were worth the money, and they bought as if desirous of obtaining as many as possible. As a result, the trade was active on most days, all arrivals meeting with quite ready sale. Values, however, had a lower tendency, Monday being the high day of the week. There was a drop on Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by a reaction during the last two days of the week. At the close the market was only 5c lower than at the opening of the week, and a cent higher than the close of the previous week.

The outlook for hogs reems to be rather encouraging and a continuence of the present brisk demand would have a strong tendency to force values up a little. In fact, the present month

ło. 39 western ewes 91 western ewes 32 western ewes 14 western yearlings 21 western lambs ... CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET Advance in Price Follows Strong Des

mand for Hogs.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—There was the usual Seture day lack of offerings of cattle, receipts being loss than 500 head. Sales in all cases were at yesterday's ruling prices, but quotations were mostly nominal. Larger receipts are expected from now on, but no one looks for any big supplies of on, but no one looks for any big supplies of strictly choice cattle and such kinds are pretty sure to sell well right along. The quality of the cattle now coming to market shows some improvement, but the receipts of common to fair half-fat cattle continue altogether two large. There was an active demand for hope at stronger to 2½c higher prices, the supply being well taken at an early hour. Prime hope that weighted around 200 to 230 lbs. sold up to \$3.6-15 and the commonest packing lots brought \$2.3-15 and the commonest packing lots brought \$2.3-15 and the bulk of the hogs crossing the scales at \$3.50g/st.60.

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HOGS—Receipts, 5.00 head; shipments, 5.50 head; rawhet 5c higher on heavy and medium, steady on light; light, \$3,4583.50; mixed, \$3.1048, 2.00; heavy \$3.50693.00.
SHEEP—Beceipts, 100 head; shipments, name; market steady; native muttons, \$4,0061.65; culls and bucks, \$2,1063.00; lamis, \$5,0093.50.

Kansas City Live Stock Market. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 8.—CATTLEE—Receipts, 160 head; market unchanged; only retail trade; Texas teers, \$2.6564.20; Texas cows, \$2.6564.25; native cows and helfers, \$7.2566,00; stockers and feeders, \$2.2065.00; buils, \$2.50675.00; 973.75. Receipts, 0.000 head; market opened strong to 50 higher, closed with advance lost; bulk of sales, \$3,0003.50; heavies, \$3,0003.60; packers and mixed \$3,0503.00; light, \$3,0003.50; yorkers, \$3,4603.50; pigs, \$3,0003.25. SHEEP-Receipts, 500 head; market strong; lambs, \$4,0005.50; muttons, \$4,00054.50.

East Buffalo Live Stock. EAST BUEFALO Jan. 8.—CATLE—Extra to prime steers, \$5.00@f5.10; fair to good steers, \$3.73 \$4.25; fair to good mixed butchers' stock, \$3.55@ 4.15; fair to good buckets buckers' stock, 33.55@
4.15; fair to good buckers' cows \$1.25@A85; common, old to fair cows, \$2.16@2.75.

HOGS-Receipts, 4 cars; Yorkers, good to choice, 25.75@1.771; roughs, common to choice, 31.56@1.771; roughs, common to choice, 31.56@4.75.
SHEEP AND LAMBS-Receipts, 8 cars; lambs, choice to extra, 5.50@6.00; culls to common, 34.70@5.55.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 - BESTVEZ-Rescipts, 633
head; no traiting. Cables quote American steers
at 93,97404c; refrigerator beef at 71,45%. Exports,
1.535 heaves, 105 sheep and 4,459 quarters of beef,
CALVES-Reccipts, 8 head veals, \$5,0028.00;
grassers, \$3,0033.25,
SHEEP AND LAMBS-Reccipts, 2,600 head;
sheep, \$3,5094.75, lambs, \$5,5098.25,
HOGS-Reccipts, 2,800 head; firm at \$1,9094.15,

Stock in Sight.

COTTON MARKETS. Nothing in Foreign News to Stimulate Tending on Either Side. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The cotton market opened ulet and steady, with prices unchanged to oint net decline. Sales to that hour were 13,600 wies. It was a local market entirely,

point net decline. Sales to that hour were 13,600 bales. It was a boal market entirely. There was nothing in English news to stimulate ventures on either side of the account, futures at Liverpool being steady, but without important change in prices, while spot cotion at that point was slow and featureless. Fort receipts promised to show a material falling off this week, today's being estimated at 35,600 bales. As the market drew thavard the close trading ploked up a little and prices ruled steadier. The market was finally quiet and steady at unchanged prices to 1 point advance, with total sales of 25,700 bales. As spot, steady; middling, 5 15-16c, net receipts, 948 bales; gross: 4,422 bales; sales, 25 bales, all spinners; stock, 12,500 bales. Total today and consolidated: Net receipts, 9,638 bales; caption of 19,235 bales. Total since September 1: Net receipts, 5,911,388 bales; exports to Great Britain, 40,537 bales; rack, 1,25,533 bales. Total since September 1: Net receipts, 5,911,388 bales; exports to Great Britain, 18,50,812 bales. Prance, 53,766 bales; continent, 1,570,522 bales.
LiveRROOLA Jan, 8,—COTTON—Spot, mide a.6 Issles, including 16,790 bales American. Futures opened quiet and steady, with a moderate demand, and closed quiet; American L. M. C. January, 3 11-644, buyers; January and February, 3 10-6433 11-646, buyers; February and March, 33 10-6443 11-646, buyers; March and April, 3 11-646, 581 12-646, sellers; April and May, 3 12-646, buyers; May and June, 3 13-646, buyers; June and July, 3 14-646, buyers; July and Amust, 3 15-646, buyers; August and September, 3 16-646, sellers; September and October, 2 16-646, 3 17-646, sellers; October and November, 3 17-646, value; November and December, 3 17-646, value; November and December, 3 17-646, value.

Sugar Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8.—SUGAR—Open kettle, steady at 3973-9-16c; centrilugal, steady, granulated, 4864-13-16c; whiter, 494-7-16c; yellows, 33-64-3-16c; seconds, 23-63-31-16c; Molasses, kettle, steady at 14075c; centrifugal, easy at 5-9-13c; syrup, steady at 1502c;

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; chr. reining, 38c; centrifugal, 96 test 4-3-16c; re-NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3%c; centrifugal, 95 test. 4.1-16c; re-fined, firm; crushed, 5%c; powdered, 5.7-16c; granulated, 5%c; mould A, 5%c; standard A, 5%c; confectioners' A. 5%c; cut lonf, 5%c; cubes, 5.7-16c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The close of the week sinds the dry goods market in a thoroughly unsettled state. The sales in all cotton lines have been unsatisfactory. Although the wooden goods division is well sustained the general market shows poor results in the whole. Jobhers have attempted little and have not been surprised at the result. They anticipate heavier trading in new spring lines next week, basing their belief on the services of retailors, who are planning trips to the metropolitan market.

Philadelphia Produce.

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Philadelphia Jan. 8.—BUTTER—Duit;

PHILADELPHIA. Jan. 8. BUTTER-Dun; fancy western creamery. 22c; fancy western prints, 23c. EGGS-Firm; fresh nearby and western, 19c. CHEESE-Firmer; New York factory, choice, 34,4644c; New York factory, fair to good, 84,4054c.

California Bried Fruits. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS.—Firm; evaporated apples, common, 59 7c; prime wire tray 8½c; word dried, prime, 8½58½c; choice, 8½68½c; fancy, 959½c. Prunes, 365c. Apricots, Roysl, 76585c; Moor Park, 29 14c. Peaches, unpecled, 7510c; pecled, 12550c,

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